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## State Fed. Sets Big Vote Drive

Strong pressure for endorsement of Democratic candidates in the Nov. 4 general election and plans for the biggest voter turnout campaign in its history featured early sessions of the State Federation of Labor's 50th anniversary convention in Santa Barbara this week, occupying number one spot on the national labor and political scene as a forerunner to the AFL convention in New York Sept. 15.

Preliminary actions, showing plainly the great interest and determination of the California AFL in the Nov. 4 ballot and its candidates, laid the groundwork for decisive action by the federation's Labor League for Political Education later in the week — possibly including the endorsement of Adlai Stevenson for President.

More than 2,000 delegates from San Diego to the Siskiyou gathered in the Santa Barbara Armory to hear a host of prominent speakers and to take action on matters of vital concern to the state's 1,200,000 AFL members.

SEPT. 11-NOV. 4

These matters include the wages, hours, and working conditions of members of the nation's second largest state federation, and they include plans for a giant voting drive to be launched immediately upon adjournment, continuing in high gear until Nov. 4.

First goal is the registration of the largest number of California wage-earners ever before entitled to vote—prior to the Sept. 11 deadline. Second goal is to get these registered voters, their families, and friends to the polls on Nov. 4.

Also being acted upon are state propositions on the ballot, including a strong stand for a "yes" vote on the cross-filing issue, proposition No. 13. "Yes" in this case meaning a vote to abolish the present odious cross-filing system.

212 RESOLUTIONS

A total of 212 resolutions, ranging in subject from local issues to the international scene, are before the delegates for consideration and action.

Building trades, culinary trades, clerks, public employes, barbers, electrical workers, and other state groups met over the week-end to act on special matters and to plan their participation in the convention.

The LLPE was due to convene on Wednesday evening to act on political matters. The federation convention was scheduled to continue through the week until Friday.

With President Thomas L. Pitts and Secretary C. J. Haggerty at the helm, the convention was to hear from Governor Warren, Atty. Gen. Pat Brown, James L. McDevitt, national LLPE director, and a host of local and state officials and dignitaries.

## Laborers Escape As Trench Caves

Two members of Monterey Laborers Union 690 escaped serious injury or possible death last week as a sewer trench they were helping to dig caved in.

Joe Gomez and Anthony Bales-teri were freed by co-workers on the Stolte Construction Co. project in Pacific Grove.

## Monterey Work Boom Continues; New Jobs Start

Construction work in the Monterey area continued to boom last week and this with several new jobs starting and employment opportunities for union workmen keeping worker idleness at a minimum, according to an announcement by George E. Jenkins, business agent of Monterey Laborers Union 690.

Union laborers skilled as hod-carriers have been called to Fort Ord, where brick masons are to start their work on the huge barracks projects under way there, Jenkins said.

Among new projects are: Reconstruction of the Grove Theater, in Pacific Grove. Salih Bros., San Francisco contracting firm, will rebuild the theater destroyed by fire in June, 1951. The \$100,000 project will create a new and modern showhouse with 900 seats.

Two new school projects, an elementary school for Fort Ord to cost \$700,000, and an eight-room addition to Monterey Union High School.

Paving of streets in Pacific Grove, by Granite Construction Co.

Five hundred new concrete side houses in the new Normac project, for which foundations are being poured now.

## Eide Vacations, Booker at CSFL

Two leaders in Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 are away this week, one on vacation and the other at a convention.

Thomas Eide, business agent, is on a vacation trip. He and Mrs. Eide hooked up their automobile trailer and started off to parts unknown, friends said.

William Booker, former union president, is official delegate to the California State Federation of Labor convention in Santa Barbara.

## In Union Circles

Louis Casati is representing Monterey Laborers Union 690 at the State AFL sessions in Santa Barbara this week.

Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, traveled to Boulder Creek last week-end to visit friends there.

## MONT. LABORER BARBECUE SET

Arrangements were nearly complete this week for the Labor Day barbecue and picnic outing for members of Monterey Laborers Union 690 and their families.

The event will be held at the new Portuguese Lodge park, on Casanova Ave. just off Fremont St., starting at 11 a.m. and continuing until about 6 p.m., Union Business Agent George E. Jenkins reported.

Chairman of arrangements is T. J. Howard. Plans call for a dinner of barbecued steak, chili beans, potato salad, garlic bread, with soft drinks, milk and hot dogs for the youngsters. There also will be games and contests for young and old.

## FISH CANNERY PACT APPROVED

Negotiations have been completed for a new contract between the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union and the Monterey Fish Processors Assn., with the contract terms approved by both parties, the union announced last week.

Under the agreement, according to Lester A. Caveny, union business agent, the new contract will provide wage increases of 5 cents per hour for men, 3 cents for women, \$10 a month for men on monthly rate, and a comparable increase in the piece work rate.

Work along Cannery Row was quiet last week although some anchovies were caught locally and canned by union crews.

## Salinas Laborer Work Still Good

Employment opportunities for members of Salinas Laborers Union 272 continues to hold up with construction progressing well and another new industry providing some new jobs, according to Carl Jones, union president.

The new industry is the Stanovich Cement Block Co., now located in Salinas and having a signed contract with Local 272. The firm is making blocks for local construction projects.

## PLUMBERS 62 BIG MEETING SET SEPT. 12

TO ALL MEMBERS OF MONTEREY PLUMBERS UNION 62:

All members are urged to make plans now to attend a very important meeting of Local 62 at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 12, at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey.

Archie Virtue, international organizer, will attend the meeting and will speak on local problems, such as health and welfare plans, and similar matters.

Members should attend all regular meetings and take part in important business affairs of the union, but the Sept. 12 meeting is more important than many others because of the visit by Brother Virtue. Please make plans now to attend.

JOHN GRISIN, Business Manager.

## Miles Attends IBEW Sessions

Dial H. Miles, business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was in San Francisco on August 15-16 for a special "progress meeting" of the Ninth IBEW District, called by International Vice President Oscar Harbak.

Attending the sessions were IBEW International President D. W. Tracy and International Secretary J. Scott Milne.

## In Union Circles

Salinas union officials at the State Federation of Labor convention include A. J. Clark, secretary of the Central Labor Council, and Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827.

## CARP. COUNCIL MEETS SEPT. 9

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters will be held Tuesday night, Sept. 9, at the Watsonville Labor Temple.

Watsonville Local 771 will be host to the gathering and business will include discussion of the State Federation of Labor convention, now in session at Santa Barbara. Two Council leaders, President Thomas Eide and former Vice-President James T. Mann, are attending the convention.

## Carp. Apprentice Called to Meeting

Apprentices under the training program of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 are called before the Joint Apprenticeship Committee next Wednesday night, Sept. 3, at Salinas Carpenters Hall.

Harvey Baldwin, union business agent, said the apprentices must bring their work records up to date before school starts again and the committee will hear reports at next week's meeting. The apprentice committee will meet henceforth on the first Wednesday night of each month.

## Plumbers Needed In Monterey Area

Union plumbers, steamfitters and pipe fitters are needed badly for good jobs in the Monterey area, according to Plumbers Union 62. Work is expected to last for some time.

Interested union men wanting to know more about work opportunities in the Monterey area may contact John Grisin, business agent of Plumbers Union 62, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey.

**DON'T WAIT -- REGISTER NOW! SEPT. 11TH IS THE LAST DAY!**



# AFL Eyes the Candidates; Last Registration Sept. 11

State and national AFL conventions, meeting late this month and in September, respectively, will put greatest emphasis on the largest labor vote turnout in history at the November 4 general election.

The AFL executive council announced last week that it is inviting President Truman and presidential candidates Adlai Stevenson and Ike Eisenhower to address the AFL convention in New York. Whether the convention will endorse a candidate will not be known until that time.

Meanwhile, the state picture is expected to duplicate interest on a national scale, with a record vote for Congress and State Legislature candidates. The State Federation's Political League will hold a two-day session during the federation convention starting August 25 in Santa Barbara.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the federation, last week addressed a direct plea to all unions and councils in the state to give top priority to forming of Registration Committees and immediately launch registration campaigns.

Calling attention to the fact that Thursday, Sept. 11, is the last day to register for voting in the critical general election of Nov. 4, Secy. Haggerty said:

"It is a matter of paramount importance that every wage earner in

California should vote Nov. 4, but thousands of the wage earner public will be denied that right unless they register between now and Sept. 11.

"The California State Federation of Labor strongly urges that each AFL union and council in the state appoint a Registration Committee charged with the obligation of obtaining 100 per cent registration for its membership."

He then listed the various types of persons who must register on or before Sept. 11. These are:

1. Persons who have changed their address since last registering.
2. Those who through marriage or court action have changed their name since last registering.
3. Those who have reached the age of 21 since the last election. A person not 21 may register before Sept. 11, providing he will be 21 on Nov. 4.
4. New residents who have resided but one year in the state or 90 days in the county prior to Nov. 4.
5. Persons who failed to vote in the 1950 general election.

## OUR WASTE IN WILDLIFE

By LARRY BLOCK  
(West Coast Sportsman)

Often in hardware stores or filling stations, where small groups of sportsmen are likely to gather telling tales of the "better huntin' and fishin' days they have seen," it is commonplace to hear them tell of lakes so brimming over with fish that one could almost scoop them out with a bucket . . . of stately deer on almost every hill . . . of flights of ducks and geese so thick that "the sky was black with them, honest!"

After listening to these "old timers," I can't help but wonder why I have never witnessed these almost unbelievable spectacles of nature. Certainly I have spent as much time in the woods and on the lakes as did these older men in their youth; and yet I have never seen the sky blackened with geese or ducks. I have searched for the lakes I have heard of where the fish were so abundant. None of these things have I found, or have any other of my young friends.

It seems as though we, the youth of today, are to know only a barren nature; stripped almost completely of all the glory and splendor that she once knew. The barrenness we know will only be surpassed by the barrenness that our children will know . . . unless we do something about it.

Let's go back about 50 years and look at the start of all this waste:

Certainly there was no shortage of wildlife in 1900. But this was when the shortage was born. The seed of greed was planted about the turn of the century. The pioneers had lived by a code: "Kill only what game we need for survival, and leave the rest to multiply and insure a supply in years to come." They may well have taught us a lesson.

The year 1900 brought about the urbanizing of the nation. City dwellers depended more and more upon their country friends to furnish them with food and wild game. As soon as a market for game was opened, groups of market hunters sprang up all over the country. They slaughtered ducks and geese by the thousands for sale in the cities. The passenger pigeon, a bird which had great possibilities as a game bird, was made completely extinct by those who thought that God's great gift of wildlife was inexhaustible. So-called sportsmen went hunting, and killed as many as 100 geese in a day, merely for "fun." Then the great honkers were discarded—left to rot.

By the time our great slow-moving governments moved into

action it was almost too late. The great American buffalo was fast following the pigeon. All other wildlife was at an all-time low . . . something had to be done.

Laws were made to prohibit the sale of game . . . seasons and bag limits were set and through the years have been more and more rigidly enforced. Areas of land and marsh have been set aside as preserves for replenishing the dwindling supply of game animals. Lakes have been fertilized and restocked. Predator control has been initiated. The number of sportsmen has been slightly reduced by requiring a license fee. These fees, in turn, are used to improve hunting and fishing conditions. The automobile has also been a great enemy of wildlife. It has enabled more people to hunt and fish by speeding up travel.

Even with government restrictions on seasons and limits, and shooting regulations, the supply of game is still dwindling. Every season there seems to be less game than the last. This is because there are still some selfish few individuals who are not willing to comply with the rules of the game. They hunt out of season; they kill illegal deer and turkey. They hunt at night when a blinding light paralyzes their prey . . . not giving it a chance for survival. They violate bag limits and hunt on preserves. They are stealing from you and me . . . because the game law violator is a thief!!! They are taking away from you and me the hunting and fishing that is ours . . . and our children's . . . and their children's.

In spite of these regulations that have been set up, and in spite of the wardens who have been sworn in to enforce these regulations, they are being violated every day . . . in multiple.

Long before women of the Western cultures began fighting for suffrage, the Iroquois Indians had an electoral system that let women run things in the Eastern Woodlands.

## Intolerance of Older Wkrs. A Big Loss

Washington, D. C.—Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman called on the nation to liberalize employment practices so as to utilize more effectively in defense production the abilities of men and women over 45 years of age.

Declaring that forecasts indicate the nation may need 3½ million more workers by the end of 1953 for expected levels of defense and civilian production, he urged labor, businessmen, and the federal government to break down the obstacles which hamper the employment of older workers.

The Department of Labor was asked to assist employers and labor groups, and others, with information on the availability of older workers and to improve counseling, placement, and job analysis programs for those seeking work.

To bring older workers into defense work when needed, Steelman said he has issued Defense Manpower Policy 7, which is designed as a guide to labor and management concerned with defense production. He said that labor, and management may well find it invaluable also to apply the policy—recommended to him by the National Labor-Management Manpower Policy Committee and the Interagency Manpower Policy Committee—to other than defense work.

Older workers, he said, are one of the most important manpower resources the nation would have to draw upon in the event of full mobilization and are now our largest manpower reserve.

"To virtually boycott because of their age these people of mature judgment, who in many cases are more efficient producers, with lower accident rates and lower turnover rates than the younger workers, is to deprive the nation of a valuable portion of its resources. In addition, such practice contributes to unnecessary migration and adds unnecessarily to the adjustment problem of older workers and to the community burden of providing financial support for them."

Persons of obvious skills, valuable to employers and the nation, should not be turned loose and made idle simply on reaching a certain birthday, Steelman said. He suggested that employers might well consider gradually tapering off the employment of such skilled workers. A procedure such as this would reduce the sudden impact of total idleness on the employee and permit the employer to utilize valuable skills while still giving him opportunity to advance other employees deserving promotion.

## Southern Workers Get Wage Benefits

Over 1¼ million Southern workers shared in about 2,000 wage settlements during the first 6 months of 1952, Brunswick A. Bagdon, Southern regional director for the U. S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, announced.

Most of the adjustments were general wage increases, although more than 200 provided fringe benefit improvements without wage changes.

Most of the wage changes were in the range of 5 cents to 10 cents an hour. Increments of more than 10 cents and up to 20 cents were granted in 27 per cent of the wage increases.

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## ILLNESS A LUXURY FOR WORKERS; U. S. PROGRAM IS URGED

Philadelphia (LPA).—"As things are today, and in view of the frightening predictions of a still-mounting cost of living, sickness is a luxury financially beyond the means of workers."

So testified Dr. Morris A. Brand, medical director of the Sidney Hillman Health Center, New York City, in urging the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation Aug. 11 to "look into the scope of medical services that can and should be provided to the people." Preventive, as well as curative and diagnostic, care is imperative, he said.

Dr. Brand said the organization and development of a comprehensive national medical care insurance program would "mean a decrease in the number of persons who become ill and disabled, a decrease in the length of illness and complications, prolongation of lives, and a decrease in human suffering." Furthermore, he pointed out, it would "reduce wasted manpower and the loss of wages and eliminate borrowing to meet the unpredictable and high costs of medical care."

With International Association of Machinists' President A. J. Hayes, a member, presiding, the commission held the first of a series of public hearings here. Others will be held at weekly intervals with various commissioners presiding, including one in Detroit Sept. 29 with CIO United Auto Workers' President Walter P. Reuther as chairman.

Citing the "limited and inadequate benefits" of present illness

indemnity programs, Solomon Barkin, TWUA research director, assailed "the deliberate effort on the part of doctors to hike their fees for surgical and medical attention above those specified in the insurance schedules."

"Genuine protection against the hazards of illness or disease cannot be secured without some form of compulsory payments," testified John W. Edelman, Washington representative of the Textile Workers. "But this does not mean socialized medicine or anything of the kind, for the citizen will have free choice of doctors at all times. The hard facts are that voluntary plans do not come within several miles of really meeting the needs of the vast population that is without health protection."

Dr. Joseph Langbord, director of the Philadelphia Sidney Hillman Center, reported a surprising number of unsuspected cases of illnesses and diseases were discovered among the 6,000 ACW members who use the center.

Lack of adequate coverage by insurance firms and Blue Cross and Blue Shield programs was proved in the testimony of union members

## Labor Hits Canadian Paper Hike

Washington (LPA).—The CIO executive board Aug. 14 denounced the latest \$10 price boost by the Canadian newsprint industry, bringing the price to \$126 a ton. The board adopted a resolution presented by the American Newspaper

Guild, declaring that "the net result of these successive increases will be new declines in the competitive newspaper field, where monopolies are more dangerous than in any other industry."

The board approves the Guild's recommendation that the government start immediate development of newsprint resources in Alaska and encourage manufacture of newsprint from substitute materials such as sugar cane waste to help assure an adequate domestic supply.

John Cunningham, member of the Electrical Workers, who attained national prominence last year when he underwent a new-type heart operation, reported that his six-year illness had cost him \$6,853, despite Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage, blood donations, and union gifts. Another member told that of \$1,000 charged for surgery on his wife and son, only \$250 was paid by a private insurance firm. Anthony Zuccarello, N. J. Political Action Committee representative, told of going into debt to meet staggering medical costs to care for his wife, a leukemia sufferer, despite Blue Cross and Blue Shield protection. Case histories of other unionists unable to meet medical bills were presented.

Chicago (LPA).—About 32,000 production and maintenance employees of the International Harvester Co., and 18,000 salaried employees, will get a 4-cent productivity increase under the annual improvement provision of the contracts with the Auto Workers.

The 26,000 workers represented by the Farm Equipment Workers are ineligible for the increase, management said. FEW is a sub-union of the United Electrical Workers, tossed out by the CIO in 1949 as communist-dominated.

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## Death Takes Leader Of Nebraska AFL

Lincoln, Neb. (LPA).—George F. Williams, 65, secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor for many years and vice-president from 1937 to 1943, died here while making plans for the Federation's forthcoming convention.

He also was president of Local 106, Printing Pressmen and Assistants, and had served as president of the Central Labor Union and Labor Temple Building Association.

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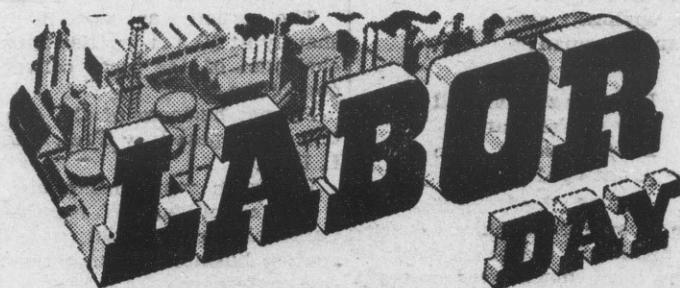
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## Votes vs. Lobbyists

Did your Senator or Representative help put the present price "control" law on the books? If so, they helped make ineffective the fight against inflation in the face of repeated warnings from trade unions and other consumer groups that living costs would reach all-time records—warnings which proved true within a month after Congress adjourned.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that food at the grocery store cost more during the first 2 weeks of July than ever before in history. Higher prices for almost every item of food pushed the average 135 per cent above 1935-39 prices. In other words, food that you paid \$1 for in 1935-39 cost \$2.35 during the first half of last month.

When will we get a Congress that thinks as much about wage earners and salaried workers as it does about lobbyists and profiteers? It could be on election day next November—if wage earners and salaried workers register and vote for their friends.

## One Vote — One Dollar!

"No one will ever know what the coming national elections actually cost," reports the nonpartisan editorial service, Congressional Quarterly.

That's because of the many exemptions allowed under federal laws which require that campaign spending be reported to Congress. Thus although political candidates and groups reported spending more than \$15 million in the 1948 election year, how much actually was spent is anybody's guess.

The law limits expenditures for each Senatorial candidate to \$25,000 and for each candidate for the House to \$10,000, but many expenses are exempted. There is no limit for Presidential aspirants.

Of course, organized labor cannot hope to match the political war chests of the manufacturers, the bankers, the railroads, the big department store owners, and the real estate operators. However, it is absolutely necessary for trade unionists, in their own interest, to offset so far as possible the trail of greenbacks leading from the vaults of special privilege to the treasuries of reactionary political candidates.

The only way to do that is to help finance the campaigns of those who are friends of the workingman and woman; it's a cinch they will get help from no one else. Members of the American Federation of Labor should protect themselves on the legislative battle front by contributing \$1 to Labor's League for Political Education.

LLPE stands ready—in nation, state, district, and city—to rally to the support of candidates who favor legislation that benefits the workers of America.

## There's Only One Solution!

In 1938, 42 million citizens didn't vote. Result: Defeat of 71 liberal Congressmen . . . Death of WPA . . . Refusal of President Roosevelt's request for public works program . . . Start of the Dixiecrat-reactionary Republican coalition.

In 1942, 55 million citizens didn't vote.

Result: Defeat of 51 liberal Congressmen . . . OPA turned over to industry . . . Refusal to help farmers . . . Removal of curbs on excessive war-time salaries . . . Passage of "relief-for-the-greedy" tax bill over President's veto . . . Approval of anti-labor Smith-Connally Act calling for a "cooling off" period before strikes and outlawing political contributions by trade unions.

In 1946, 55 million citizens didn't vote.

Result: Defeat of 49 liberal Congressmen and election of 80th Congress . . . Wage-Hour Act gutted . . . Farm price supports damaged . . . Labor Department and Federal Security Agency weakened . . . Taxes for the rich slashed . . . Action on housing, aid to education, civil rights, excess profits and high prices killed . . . TAFT-HARTLEY ACT PASSED.

In 1950, 56 million citizens didn't vote.

Result: Defeat of 31 liberal Congressmen . . . Guaranteed profits built into fake inflation controls . . . More loopholes for wealthy written into tax laws . . . Public housing cut . . . Stronger Social Security law killed . . . Labor's voice on Wage Stabilization Board choked.

This has been the voting pattern and the resultant legislative dress every light-voting year since the big liberal vote of 1934. Don't let it happen in 1952!

Congress won't change just because you plead or threaten its members. Congress will change only when you send new members to Washington.

Have you registered to vote? Last day is Sept. 11.

## Cutie Pie vs. Cheese Cake



Don't get all mixed up folks 'cause the cutie pie is sitting on the stool while the cheese cake is in the hands of President William F. Schnitzler of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union. The cutie pie is Movie Star Ann Robinson. The only reason for the picture is to call attention to the union's union label in the background and to Union Label Week, which starts Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1.

## JOKES, Etc.

"Well," said Jack, "Joe finally married that red head."  
"What got into him?" queried Bill.  
"Buckshot," replied Jack.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: It takes some people about three and a half cars to learn to drive.

O, shed a tear  
For Luther Stover;  
He tried to toot  
Two state cops over!

Joe Mechanic defines war as follows: First you lick 'em, next you feed 'em, and then you finance 'em.

The devil was always challenging St. Peter to a game of baseball, but St. Peter never took him up. Finally, the Dodgers, the Giants and the Yanks all went to heaven. So naturally St. Peter called up the devil.

"Now I'll play you that game of baseball," he said.

"You'll lose," said the devil, "you'll lose."

"Oh, yeah," replied St. Peter. "Right now I've got the greatest collection of baseball players you ever saw."

"You'll lose," said the devil.

"You'll lose!"

"What makes you so sure we'll lose?"

"Because," laughed the devil, "we got all the umpires down here."

Traveling Salesman—"I miss my wife's cooking."  
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A woman employed in a bank griped loudly about the institution closing on Saturdays. An executive asked why she was objecting so strenuously.

"Well," she said, "as things were, my husband had Saturdays off and I worked half a day. While I was working he did the laundry."

A man was taking an examination for a driver's license and one of the questions was:

"What would you do if the driver of a car ahead of you moved an arm up and down?"

The applicant asked:  
"Man or woman?"

Please wait one wall  
For Adolph Barr;  
He just would drive  
A one-eyed car.

The fancy questionnaire a household appliance company used to survey Iowa housewives brought equally fancy replies. To the question, "What make of garbage disposal unit do you use?" one woman wrote, "Four hogs."

A story is making the rounds in Alabama about the dyed-in-the-wool Dixiecrat who attended a meeting at which candidates for delegate to the national convention outlined their views.

When all had spoken, a friend asked, "Well, what do you think now, Lem?"

"Think?" exclaimed the Dixiecrat. "I didn't come here to think. I came here to holler!"

Beyond the Alps lies Italy and beyond the billboards, America.

"I don't want to see any callers this afternoon," said an executive to his secretary. "If they say their business is important, just tell them that's what they all say."

During the afternoon a woman called and insisted on seeing him. "I am his wife," she explained. And the secretary replied: "That's what they all say."



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

Improvements in the federal social security program, passed by Congress this summer, will eventually affect nearly every family in this area.

While there was no major change in the framework of the social security system, the 1952 amendments included a number of important points:

1. Four and a half million people, already receiving old-age or death benefits, will get more money starting early in October.

2. Social security benefits for those who will apply sometime in the future will also be higher.

3. Starting in September, beneficiaries may earn as much as \$75 a month and continue receiving their social security checks. The present limit is \$50 a month.

4. Social security wage credits are given for persons who have been in the military service after 1947. This extends to the Korean crisis the \$160-a-month wage credits formerly given only for service during the World War II period.

Later articles will give more details on these changes. The social security office at the above address will give additional information upon request.

## 2000 at Fed. Convention

(State Fed. Release)

Two thousand delegates from every AFL area in California jammed the Santa Barbara Armory Monday morning for the opening of the 50th convention of the California State Federation of Labor which runs from Aug. 25th through Aug. 29th in the Southern California city.

Major speeches by Gov. Earl Warren and Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown set the tone for the first day's program.

The session was called to order sharply at 10 a.m. by Bee Tumber, chairman of the local convention committee.

Formal business of the convention was opened by Pres. Thomas L. Pitts.

Delegates representing one and a quarter million AFL members in California are working over convention business through the five-day conference.

Political action gets priority Wednesday night when the California Labor League for Political Education holds its pre-general election convention.

The state LLPE is expected to confirm its primary election findings and issue new endorsements for districts where no position has been taken to date.

State Federation headquarters during the convention are at the Hotel Carrillo in downtown Santa Barbara.

## EMPLOYER PENALIZED

Washington, D. C.—For having knowingly employed two girls under 18 years of age on government contract work, the Lakeview Manufacturing Co. of Canton, Mass., and its president, Julius DeMay, were ordered by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin to pay \$800 in liquidated damages to the U. S. Government.

As a further penalty, the firm and DeMay were barred from receiving further government contracts for a period of three years.

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### Asst. Labor Secretary

Washington, D. C.—James E. Dodson, of University Park, Md., a careerist in government service, has been named Administrative Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Dodson was appointed to the position by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, with the approval of the President. The job was created within the classified service by Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1950, but remained unfilled until Dodson's appointment.

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### Judge Cherry Beats McMath

Little Rock, Ark.—Gov. Sid McMath lost his first contest in his six-year political career when Judge Francis Cherry defeated him for the Democratic nomination for governor. McMath has served two terms. He was supported by President Truman.

Cherry, backed by Sen. John McClellan's organization, campaigned largely over the radio. He answered questions and discussed issues for as long as 24 hours at a stretch. The Democratic nomination in Arkansas is generally equivalent to election.

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## Resolutions Passed:

## 2 Cities in Pa. Vote to Keep Rent Controls After Sept. 30

Pennsylvania's two largest cities—Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, the third and twelfth biggest in the country—have voted to continue rent controls beyond Sept. 30. Congress provided that rent ceilings shall die on that date unless communities, other than those in "critical defense areas," take action to extend them.

Resolutions passed by the City Councils of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh bring to 3½ million the number of persons living in units on which controls will be continued. St. Louis voted 25 to 0 to extend rent controls.

The Office of Rent Stabilization pointed out, however, that 20 million individuals live in rental units that will be decontrolled unless action is taken by referendum or action of local governing bodies.

No action has been taken in such populous cities as Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Kansas City, San Francisco, New Orleans, Baltimore, Denver, Memphis, Louisville, and St. Paul.

President William Green of the

American Federation of Labor has requested Central Labor Unions to circulate petitions asking local governing bodies to extend controls where necessary to protect workers and their families.

## AFL Bakery Worker Crowned as 'Queen'

Columbus, O.—Thea Janie Murray, pretty office secretary of AFL Bakery Workers Local 157, was crowned "Queen of the Keys" in a contest conducted by the Columbus Star.

Miss Murray won an all-expenses-paid week's vacation at Virginia Beach, Va.

## STASSEN URGES GOP TO CORRECT LABOR POSITION

(Special Correspondence)

Chicago.—Unless the Republican party corrects its position on labor relations and civil rights, it is likely to lose again in the November election, Harold E. Stassen warned his party.

## ASKS T-H CHANGE

He urged that the GOP should pledge a Republican administration to amend and rewrite the Taft-Hartley Law "so that it will have the respect of both labor and business and will contribute to harmonious industrial relations and progress for all."

However, he would not have the Republicans go back to the Wagner Act, which he felt was balanced against management.

He suggested a civil rights program including FEPC, a federal anti-lynch law and a federal anti-poll tax law.

Stassen reviewed the vote figures of the last five Republican Presidential election defeats, and continued:

"The principal reason for these defeats has been the fact that the Republican party has received less than its essential share of the votes of labor, Negroes, youth, and farmers.

## CITES VOTE FIGURES

"It has received on the average . . . less than one-third of the votes of labor, less than one-fourth of the votes of the Negroes, less than 40 per cent of the votes of youth, and less than half of the votes of the farmers and ranchers.

"Unless this picture is rectified there is grave danger that our party will lose again in November."

## 'LITTLE EVA' WAS SCOURGE OF ARGENTINE LABOR

By PHILIP PEARL

(AFL Release)

The death of Eva Peron removes a scourge from the trade union movement of Argentina. Whether it can recover its health and regain its freedom depends on what future course the Peron dictatorship may take.

Evita, or "Little Eva," as she preferred to be known, inflicted herself upon the Argentine labor movement when she was frustrated in her attempts to crash high society.

A former chorus girl when she married the military officer who had become the one-man ruler of the nation, Evita never got over the failure of her social ambitions. She turned to politics as an outlet for her energies and strove to build up political support for her husband's regime through activity in organized labor and charity.

The trouble with her outlook was that she regarded the government's attitude toward the trade unions as a form of charity. At her behest, Peron decreed a month's vacation with pay for Argentine workers as a handout from the government, although private business had to pay the bill. Certainly, the unions were given no credit for the achievement.

It was her theory that the unions could be used by the Peron regime as an instrument for mass political support of the Peronista party. As long as Peron ruled only through his control of the nation's military power, he could not afford to hold free elections. By corraling the labor vote, Evita made it possible for him to give his regime the sem-

blance of democracy and popular support.

The writer met Evita in 1947 on a memorable trip to Argentina with a committee of AFL representatives. When the delegation visited the Casa Rosada, the official presidential palace in Buenos Aires, Evita personally conducted the AFL officials through the building and was all graciousness and charm. She looked like a blonde Hollywood glamor girl, but she seemed to have all the bearing of a great lady.

At the moment when Evita was all smiles, she already had cooked up a tempest which her husband unleashed against the AFL representatives in a private office only a few minutes later. It seemed that Evita was peeved because the AFL people rejected the Cook's tour that she had very thoughtfully mapped out for them and preferred to study the facts and realities of conditions in Argentina under the guidance of the actual trade union officials.

Evita had her offices in the Labor Department Building in Buenos Aires and the Secretary of Labor, a poor spineless creature completely under her domination, had not even consulted the Argentine labor leaders in planning where the AFL visitors should go and what they should see.

The AFL attitude so enraged Evita that she showed her claws and struck. Senor Gay, the head of the Argentine labor movement, was immediately fired from his job on the government payroll and disappeared. To this day, no authoritative word has come of his fate.

It was a powerful reminder to the visiting Americans of what can happen in a dictatorship—a lesson that every member of the delegation will never forget.

For love of the cause, he helped to build wisely so that the organization might endure and serve labor. He worked hard and received little pay."

Labor Day, first celebrated in New York City under McGuire's direction and later designated as a national holiday, is the real "spiritual monument" to the man, Green declared.

He also pointed to McGuire's rejection of radical theories in favor of "evolutionary progress."

"Peter McGuire and other leaders urged workers to be American citizens first so they could be tried as true trade unionists," Green said. "They counseled workers to advance their economic interests through cooperation with other individuals and their political interests through persuasion, not domination nor the formation of a special interest political party."

"They urged instead that union seek to convince national political organizations of the justice and constructiveness of their program and procedures, so that provision for labor's welfare would be an integral part of national policy. They were asked to support those who were friends of this policy and punish its enemies."

Hutcheson, in dedicating the monument, said this was "a proper and hallowed place in which to affirm the long standing opposition of the Carpenters Brotherhood to labor generally to communism or anything remotely resembling it."

"Organized labor, more than any other group, recognizes the threat that communism offers to the American way of life. We will continue to fight communism in every form and will not be deluded by any fancy labels that may be used to disguise it."

Members of the McGuire family present, in addition to his grandson, were his two daughters, Miss Kathryn Caya and Miss Lillian McGuire, and two granddaughters, Mrs. Iris Russell and Mrs. Dorothy Dougherty.

## Peter J. McGuire Is Honored By Tobin and AFL Leaders At Dedication of Memorial

Camden, N. J. (LPA).—A \$100,000 monument was dedicated here Aug. 9 to the memory of Peter J. McGuire, "Father of Labor Day" and one of the founders of the American Federation of Labor.

Among the speakers who paid tribute to McGuire was U.S. Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, AFL President William Green, Maurice A. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, which McGuire founded in 1881; Richard A. Gray, president of the AFL Building

greatest leisure, the best working conditions, the greatest dignity and more of the good things of life than any other worker in the world. . . .

"If Samuel Gompers gave to the American Federation of Labor its practical spirit, Peter J. McGuire gave it its fighting spirit. . . . We will always need the practical wisdom of a Gompers. But the fighting spirit of McGuire is the life blood of the American labor movement. Labor must never lose that crusading zeal, that fearless and restless energy and high idealism that will always be associated with the flame-like spirit of Peter J. McGuire."

Tobin pointed out that both McGuire and Gompers sought in their youth "to find the answer to the problems of their day in radical ideologies . . . they believed that socialism was the answer for American labor."

"But as they grew older, both men learned that the answer to the problems of American labor was not to be found outside the American labor movement, but inside it. They learned that the challenge of labor was not to tear down our private enterprise system, but to strengthen it and see that a greater share of its benefits could go to the workers."

"As he grew older, McGuire realized that a vigorous and united trade union could do more to win his great goal of the eight-hour day than all the mass meetings and all the manifestos and all the parades and all the socialist theories put together."

Green recalled McGuire's many services to labor, including his terms as AFL secretary from 1881 to 1886, then second vice-president and later first vice-president "until his health failed."

Green said that McGuire, who died in 1906, "served in those days when the Federation struggled to

Trades Department; George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, and Mayor George E. Brunner of Camden.

A crowd of 2,500 watched the unveiling ceremonies at McGuire's grave in Arlington Cemetery. The life-size statue of McGuire, flanked by a six-column Grecian monument, was erected by the Carpenters in honor of the 100th anniversary of their founder's birthday.

## 'A CRUSADER'

Tobin praised McGuire as "a crusader in the noblest sense of the word. He was in the front ranks of that great crusade of American labor which has brought the American worker the highest pay, the



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Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, AFL President William Green, and Maurice Hutcheson, general president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, are shown on the speakers' platform at the dedication of the Peter J. McGuire memorial in Washington on Aug. 9.

## WE HAVE COME FAR IN WORKER GAINS, SAYS SECY. TOBIN

By MAURICE J. TOBIN  
U. S. Secretary of Labor

Labor Day was founded 70 years ago, on the suggestion of a great leader of the carpenters, Peter J. McGuire, who said this celebration of the workingman's own holiday should become "an occasion devoted to the industrial spirit, the great vital force of every nation."

In our own generation, Peter McGuire's wish has been fulfilled. Like other great national holidays, Labor Day is generally observed by all of our people as a time for sober appraisal of our gains and losses as well as for rest and relaxation.

Our generation of Americans has met the challenge of Peter McGuire in spiritual as well as material progress.

The working men and women of our time are strong. They have dignity. They have security that our forefathers of McGuire's time prayed for. They have comforts of life that our grandfathers never even dreamed of.

The gains made by working people have been gains for the whole nation. They have made it stronger, richer. Their gains have improved the business and the welfare of the merchants, the employers, the farmers.

Labor's rights have been notably safeguarded by laws, customs, and organization, during our generation. Labor's political freedoms, and its participation in public affairs, have been expanded. As the responsibilities of all the people increased during these strenuous years, so labor, in urging its people to vote and take part in primaries, elections, and other political activities, reflected a response to the challenge of the times.

It would take a large volume to set forth all the signposts of labor progress. Listing just a few of them will indicate what has been done during the past two decades to improve the lives of all who work.

Productivity of the whole nation has increased steadily—more than 40 per cent in two decades. Agricultural productivity has increased even more rapidly.

Free and responsible trade unions and free and responsible employers have learned how to work

together, to bargain collectively, and to cooperate in most industries and hundreds of thousands of establishments, on terms of industrial peace. There are more than 100,000 trade union agreements, only a small fraction of which involves strikes or stoppages in their renewal.

The right of working people to join unions and to bargain through them with their employers, under attack for many years, is now firmly established and virtually unchallenged in practice.

Membership in American unions has risen from 3,250,000 to between 15 and 16 millions. The number of workers covered by pension, health and welfare plans arrived at through collective bargaining rose from virtually nothing to 9 million. Vacations with pay spread to 42 million.

Old age insurance payments, up to \$120 a month for a couple, and unemployment insurance benefits for the jobless, were provided by law during this period. Federal and state laws established minimum wages to stop exploitation and end the sweatshop, along with oppressive child labor. The principle of overtime pay, long sought by the unions, was made a provision of law by Congress and by many of the State Legislatures.

The average weekly wage of factory workers rose from about \$17 to about \$67 a week—from 45 cents an hour to \$1.61, or more than 250 per cent. After discounting the higher prices of today, the increase in real wages after taxes amounts to more than 90 per cent in these 20 years.

These facts spell out more than progress and comfort for the working people directly affected. They mean that we have made better lives for all the families and people. They mean we have made a nation so strong that we fought the greatest of all wars without a depression following it. They mean that we have been able to take leadership in defending the free world against despotic communism.

These facts also point the way to continued improvement. Progress is never static. America has never been static. Our job is to keep ever on the move, improving our relationships among ourselves and our neighbors, promoting social justice, and expanding freedoms as we take on new responsibilities to our country and our God.

## Vote Yes on No. 13 To Do Away With Cross Filing Farce

The big question now before the House (the House of Labor) is the campaign to Abolish Cross Filing in California.

And the first thing to remember on that point is one that will have to be made as plain as a traffic signal light. It is this:

The abolish cross-filing proposition on the November ballot is NUMBER 13. The vote to abolish cross-filing requires a "Yes" vote.

YES on No. 13! YES on No. 13! YES on No. 13!

A deal of emphasis is necessary on this because it's natural to think that if you're against cross-filing you should vote in the negative.

And, strange as it may seem, a great many voters, right on election morning, are going to ask— "How should I vote on number 13?" The answer is "Yes."

So what we should be doing is to think of this as a movement to abolish cross-filing. Looking at it in this simple way, the immediate answer that comes to mind is, "Yes, I want cross-filing abolished."

We'll all get the tune if we practice on it enough.

"YES on 13! . . . YES on 13! . . . YES on 13!" This time No. 13 is a LUCKY NUMBER for the people of California.

## Worker to Get \$1575 for Job Deafness

Madison, Wis. (LPA).—Albert Wojcik, 60, after working for seven years at Green Bay Drop Forge, found the factory noises had played havoc with his hearing. So he sued the company, and the Wisconsin Industrial Commission now has decreed in a precedent-setting ruling that he must be compensated through workmen's compensation. He will get \$35 a week for 45.04 weeks, a total of \$1,575.46, on the basis of 13.511 per cent permanent loss of hearing.

The Commission added a memorandum that said "It is established that noise of a certain quality, intensity and duration can and does result in loss of hearing. Partial deafness has resulted, not because of a single exposure to noise, but because of continuous and repeated exposure over a long period of time. Loss in such cases results because of cumulative damage to the fine hair-like nerve endings in the inner ear. Once these nerves are damaged or destroyed, hearing, to a degree, is lost and cannot be restored. A so-called fatigue loss may co-exist, from which some recovery may result over varying periods of time, as to the duration of which there is disagreement."

## Factory Workweek Up Seasonally in June

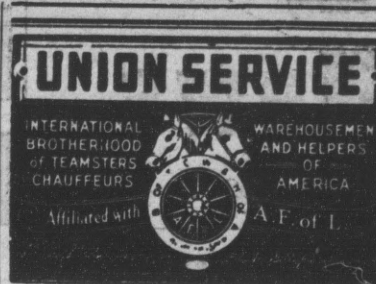
Washington, D. C.—The average workweek of the 12½ million production workers in the nation's factories rose slightly between mid-May and mid-June—from 40.2 to 40.4 hours—according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hours rose seasonally over the month in the food, lumber, tobacco, and leather industry groups. Textile mills reported a half-hour gain. According to the Bureau, average weekly hours in textile, apparel, and leather industries have recovered from the levels of last fall, when they were at or near 10-year lows for the season because of slackened consumer buying and high inventories.

Over the year, the factory workweek was down by 18 minutes, with most industry groups reporting shorter hours.

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### ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?

Sept. 11 is the last day to register for voting in the critical general election of Nov. 4. Those who must register on or before Sept. 11 are:

1. Persons who have changed their address since last registering.
2. Those who through marriage or court action have changed their name since last registering.
3. Those who have reached the age of 21 since the last election. A person not 21 may register before Sept. 11, providing he will be 21 on Nov. 4.
4. New residents who have resided but one year in the state or 90 days in the county prior to Nov. 4.
5. Persons who failed to vote in the 1950 general election.

Your secretary, Bud Kenyon, and recording secretary, Ed Pederson, are attending some of the sessions of the State Federation of Labor conferences in Santa Barbara this week. The State Federation of Labor is the legislative arm of the American Federation of Labor for all AFL unions in the state of California. This is where we bring in resolutions regarding such changes in our state laws as:

- Safety Measures.
- Unemployment Insurance.
- Sick and Disability Benefits.
- Old Age Benefits.
- Matters pertaining to the importation of Mexican Farm Labor.

These and many other laws that many people take for granted as "just happened" laws affect our members on the job every day of the year. These laws are not "just happened" laws for they require on the part of your union officers and legal representatives many hours of study and bitter fights to hold the benefits we now enjoy. The large employer and the railroad lobbyists spend thousands and thousands of dollars each year attempting to take away social gains from our people.

The Teamster Unions in the State of California have appointed Vernon Cannon to represent Joint Councils No. 7, No. 38 and No. 42, and he will do a terrific job to protect our interests by suggesting legislation that will benefit all our members. Seven cents of each member's dues is paid each month to carry on this work. Therefore you have a stake in this program and to benefit from it you should exercise your right to vote.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS

A meeting will be called for Dempsey-Hudson and Spiegel Farms employees within the next few days. Your secretary hopes that at that time we can consummate our contract with these two firms. We are happy to report that the Fresh Pack contract covering Tri-Counties, Sunnyvalley and Shieb Packing has been settled.

A special meeting will be held for all bread drivers on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., at the Union office, at which time demands for the new contract will be discussed. The present contract expires Oct. 1.

The tank drivers agreement has been negotiated and contracts presented to employers.

Don't forget, McMahan's Furniture is non-union and is on the "We do not patronize list."

Bro. Irvin Duncan, temporary business agent, has been doing an excellent job in the San Joaquin Valley in the Firebaugh area where he is organizing the produce drivers that are in the melon harvest at this time.

Business Agent Ray Burditt is also doing a fine job in the canneries, frozen foods and dehydrating plants.

Business Agent Glen Wilkerson is taking care of construction and much of the produce industry and ice houses in the area.

Your secretary, Bud Kenyon, promises himself each day that he will get out to visit you on your jobs, but it seems the work continues to pile up in the office, making it impossible for him to get out. However, he is hoping to get some of the negotiations out of the way and get out on the jobs very soon.

### COURAGE AND DRIVING

Many people have commented that it takes a great deal of courage to drive an automobile on the highways today, considering the present accident rate. Actually, if all drivers would substitute good judgment and caution for their courage when behind the wheel, the accident rate would not be so fearful.

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## Credit Union Boosts BEW Local Membership

Alhambra, Calif. (LPA).—Establishment of a credit union is bringing in new members to Local 47 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The local still lacks a union shop contract with Southern California Edison Co., but only its members can save in and borrow from the credit union.



Monterey County

# Labor News

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1952

## LABOR DAY--1952

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary-Treasurer  
California State Federation of Labor

Labor Day in 1952 requires something more than customary concern with freedom and progress.

This is a year of vital decision. In every American state the recognition of wage earner rights will be affected by the kind of candidates chosen for national and state office.

### Roy Humbracht To Wed Sept. 6

Wedding bells will ring Saturday morning, Sept. 6, at St. Angelo's Church, Pacific Grove, for Roy Humbracht, secretary of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, and Miss Yvonne Cerchi, popular member of this union.

After the wedding, the couple will be greeted by friends at a brief reception and then will leave on a honeymoon trip, destination unannounced. Both are receiving wishes for happiness from their countless friends.

### In Union Circles

Mrs. Margaret Brown, office secretary for Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, is back from her vacation. She reports that she spent most of the vacation time "resting at home."

Belle Booker, office secretary for Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, explained the "mystery" surrounding her recent operation by saying it "was only a thyroid operation."

### Strike Stories Incomplete

Milwaukee.—"Many times strikes are due to deep-seated injustices of which the newspapers do not give a full explanation," Jake Friedrichs, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Federated Trades Council, told teachers who attended a meeting sponsored by Wisconsin State College.

The teachers attended the meeting to become more familiar with labor matters. They were told not to be too hasty in drawing conclusions about strikes until they get all the facts.

Detroit (LPA).—In its 18th year, the Detroit Newspaper Industrial Credit Union is nearing the \$2 million mark in assets. It has loaned \$10 million to members of AFL and CIO locals in newspaper plants with a loss averaging only \$1.25 a \$1,000 and recently acquired its own two-story building.

It is not hysteria to charge that our economic and social gains are in jeopardy.

The temper of reactionary powers in Congress betrays an appalling lust for control of government by those who demand that society be molded to the measurements of corporate profit and gain.

We will combat this abuse of the democratic process today as we have in the past.

But our declarations will prove only a public gesture unless we answer the summons to political action.

This means we must reward our friends and defeat our enemies on Nov. 4. Any other course would invite ruin and wreckage. We should all vote and we should all vote for those who stand frankly and bravely for the cause of labor and the consumer public.

We are confronted with staggering problems in 1952. The elements of communism, inflation, and reaction are so combined as to exhaust the energy and deaden the spirit of ordinary men.

However, the American Federation of Labor remains resolute and determined to repel these threats to our liberty and security.

We boast a tradition of militancy. We are old campaigners with a history of struggle going back to embattled years and heroic workers.

Here in California our State Federation of Labor has for more than half a century pioneered the enactment of almost every social reform known to state law.

We have come of age but this does not suggest we have reached the frontiers of full and adequate living. Nor does it suggest our rights are inviolate and beyond the whips of hate and malice.

We fight for our own and we fight for nameless millions who advance when we advance, who suffer when we suffer. We fight for the trade unionist, the aged, the sick, the poorly housed, and the poorly fed.

We are pledged to material improvement, but we are also pledged to humanity, and if we have experienced a good measure of success it is largely because we have never forgotten our brothers and sisters who live beyond the limits of collective bargaining.

We fight on lines of conflict that are not of our choosing. We would prefer total harmony. In the absence of that spirit we must accept reality and prepare for victory. There is no other way for free men or free labor. Let us march and win together!

# Defense Act Soaks Public, Labor—Aids the Profiteers

Speech of HON. JOHN F. SHELLEY of California  
in the House of Representatives Thursday, June 26, 1952

The House in Committee of the Whole House or the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H. R. 8210) to amend and extend the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended.

Mr. Shelley: Mr. Chairman, the House has proven today that, in spite of air conditioning, the heat of 102 degrees here in Washington affected a great many. The "coalition" has amended price control out of the law and has tried to use the bill to wreak vengeance on the American wage earner. They have succeeded in so riddling the stabilization program that there is no program left. With each amendment wedged through today they have struck another blow for the price profiteers and another blow at the consumer and the American worker. They have also added billions of dollars to the price we are going to have to pay for defense weapons and to the eventual reckoning when we have to raise the taxes to pay for the defense effort. It may also be that an individual day of reckoning will come sooner than they think for some of our Republican colleagues who have so happily swung the ax. The consumer will have an ax of his own to swing in November and 4 months of higher and higher prices to work up to the point of swinging it in the right direction. Outraged labor will also have its innings then, and so will the tenant whose rent has hit the ceiling between now and November.

It is only by a complete rundown of the amendments tacked on to the Defense Production Act by the House that we get a full picture of the almost incredible disregard for the national stability and safety shown by the Dixie-GOPs. Apparently they set out to do two things: to straitjacket labor and the consumer and to give a clear field to business and agricultural interests for making hay in the sunshine of the Republican smile. What this may do to the defense effort God knows, but seemingly the other side of the aisle is willing to leave it up to the Almighty to take care of that—they have certainly forced the House to abdicate its responsibility in the matter.

Let us note for the record just what we have done to any hope of controlling inflation and keeping production going in these deadly serious times. On the question of labor, wages, and industrial peace we have first the Lucas amendment. Under its terms the Wage Stabilization Board is thrown out the window. With the present set-up of the Board both labor and management were provided with a sensible, workable arrangement under which collective bargaining could be allowed to operate with a minimum of interference—where their representatives had an effective voice in decisions of vital importance to both sides—where the fundamental national policies on labor policies could be hammered out in free discussion among equals—and where irreconcilable disputes could be brought for settlement of all issues without paralyzing the defense effort. The tripartite composition of the Board—with equal representation for industry, labor, and the public—assured at least some of the elements of justice to both sides.

Under the Lucas amendment we have a kangaroo court dictating terms, with no effective voice given to either labor or management. The labor and industry members can do no more than plead their special cases. The decisions will not be the result of negotiations between equals, but the unilateral edict of the majority of public members. Wage policies set by this method cannot be realistic. In the limited conditions where the Board may advise on disputes brought be-

fore it the collective-bargaining principle has been destroyed. With no authority to offer advice on other than wage issues the procedure becomes a farce. When labor is told, "This will be your maximum wage" and is denied the chance to trade wage concessions for fringe and security benefits it becomes slave labor in a subtle form.

Labor will not and cannot willingly submit to such a system. Labor has given up more than its share already in voluntarily submitting to the restrictions placed on its bargaining freedom under the present law. The obvious intent of the supporters of the Lucas amendment is to set up a packed Board sympathetic to industry and unfriendly to labor. I have heard reports that when the Lucas amendment proposals were suggested to former Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson he was all for them. He was asked what sort of people he thought should be made "public" members of the proposed Board—the majority and dictating group. His reply is supposed to have been, "Why, businessmen, of course." That is a perfect illustration of the kind of "fair" thinking behind the Lucas amendment and an indication of the fairness of the policies it would put out.

The House has ripped out of the act the only means we now have for getting a quick settlement of labor disputes threatening stoppage of defense production. We have put nothing in its place. I suppose that the House's action in adopting the Smith amendment, "requesting" the President to use the Taft-Hartley law procedures in the steel strike, means that we are content to let all disputes ride and leave them up to the "tender mercies" of Taft-Hartley. The House is fooling only itself if it thinks that the steel strike or any other strike will be settled by that means.

The Lucas amendment and the Smith amendment combined will work to put a ceiling on the workingman's wages—the wages out of which he has to feed and clothe and house himself and his family. What have we done to keep a ceiling on the prices of his food, clothing, and shelter? And what have we done to hold down the cost of rearming ourselves so that we will not have to pass a tax bill with skyrocketing tax rates in the next few years? The Dixie-GOP coalition has put through the Talle amendment, which for all practical purposes decontrols everything the workingman has to buy. Watch the cost of living shoot up after that one goes into effect—if it does. They have adopted the Cole amendment guaranteeing pre-Korea percentage mark-ups to wholesalers and retailers—the price push-up amendment. And not content with

that, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle with help from their Dixiecrat friends, have effectively terminated Federal rent controls as of three months from now by adopting the Wheeler amendment.

Looking over the roster of those who voted for these monstrous amendments we find the same old story. The Republican friends of big business have again joined forces with the reactionary elements from the South to put a halter on the wage earner and the people on low fixed incomes—the elderly people retired on social security and pensions, the pensioned veteran, and the small-salaried white-collar worker. I, personally, want no part of the responsibility for such action.

I cannot conscientiously vote for H. R. 8210 in its present form. I voted against each of the amendments I have named. In the face of the amendment-ridden controls laws that will come out of this bill it would almost have been better had the Barden amendment taking off all wage and price controls been allowed to stand. At least, the laboring man would have had a sporting chance to try for wage increases to match soaring prices. As it is we are left with a choice of voting for a bill to clamp down on wages while letting business put the clamps on the consumer, or no bill at all. I cannot go for that kind of a squeeze play. The Record will show that I voted against this controls bill. Let it also show that I believe a firm and fair system of controls to be an urgent necessity now, but that I cannot and will not be a party to passage of a bill controlling nothing but the price of labor, and, at the same time, handcuffing labor against any effort to keep its standards up to what is referred to as the "American way of life."

### AFL Invites ICFTU To Send Delegate to AFL Convention

Atlantic City (LPA).—The AFL Executive Council has asked the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to send a fraternal delegate to the AFL convention in New York in September. The Council also invited the ICFTU executive committee to hold its next meeting in the U. S. in November.

Both steps were taken as the Council concluded its week-long meeting here, and were regarded as moves towards healing the breach between the AFL and ICFTU. The AFL had not been represented at the last ICFTU executive committee meeting in Berlin in July.

Give to your LLPE.



GUARDING THE LOOT—Joseph Maldonado knows the value of the vacation pay his mother, left, received under a contract between her employer and the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers. He took his "six-shooters" to Local 62 office to guard the treasure on the way home. (LPA)

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